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SUBJECT: NOMINATION OF MG CLARK T. BALDWIN TO BE US CO-DIRECTOR,
COMBINED MILITARY COORDINATION AND PLANNING STAFF

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1. I HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THE JCS RECOMMENDATION
FORWARDED TO STATE FROM DOD (PER REFTEL A) THAT MAJOR GENERAL
BALDWIN BE DESIGNATED AS US CO-DIRECTOR OF THE NEW COMBINED
STAFF IN MADRID. YOU ALREADY HAVE (REFTEL B) MY THOUGHTS ON
THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS NEW STAFF FOR OUR MILITARY RELATIONS
WITH THE SPANISH AND FOR OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE THE SPANISH MILI-
TARY TOWARD AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

2. I DO NOT KNOW MAJOR GENERAL BALDWIN, WHO LEFT HERE IN
SEPTEMBER, 1974, AFTER ALMOST 2 YEARS AS CHIEF JUSMG.
I UNDERSTAND THAT HE HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF SPANISH AND RECOG-
NIZE THAT HIS EXPERIENCE IN SPAIN COULD STAND HIM IN GOOD
STEAD. HOWEVER, FOR REASONS HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH HIS
PERSONAL QUALITIES, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT WHICH HIS
APPOINTMENT AS CO-DIRECTOR OF THE COMBINED STAFF COULD HAVE ON
SPANISH PERCEPTIONS AND ON THE INTERNAL DIVISION OF AUTHORITY
AMONG THE SENIOR U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS IN THE MADRID AREA.

3. TO RETURN A FORMER CHIEF JUSMG TO MADRID AT THE SAME RANK HE
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ENJOYED WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO SPAIN MIGHT WELL LEAD THE SPANISH

TO ASSUME THAT WE WERE LESS THAN FULLY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS JOINT PLANNING VENTURE. HIS HAVING BEEN HERE AS CHIEF JUSMG WOULD OF ITSEL ADD TO THIS PROBLEM THROUGH WHAT MIGHT APPEAR TO THEM TO BE AN IMPLICIT TIE BETWEEN THE ACTIVITIES OF JUSMG AND THE NEW COMBINED STAFF.

4. INDEED, MAJOR GENERAL BALDWIN HIMSELF MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY IN ENVISAGING HIS ROLE HERE IN AN ENTIRELY NEW LIGHT. HE COULD CLEARLY NOT DIVEST HIMSELF OF HIS OLD FRIENDSHIPS AND CONTACTS. FURTHER, I UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS SENIOR IN DATE OF RANK TO THE PRESENT CHIEF JUSMG, POSSIBLY LEADING TO SOME CONFUSION, WHICH I WOULD REGARD AS UNFORTUNATE, REGARDING THE POSITION ON MY STAFF OF THE CHIEF JUSMG AS THE PRINCIPAL DEFENSE/EUCOM REPRESENTATIVE IN SPAIN.

5. I DO NOT HAVE ANY PERSONAL CANDIDATES FOR THIS JOB, BUT I HAD HOPED THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND AN OFFICER WHO HAD DONNED HIS SECOND STAR RATHER RECENTLY AND WAS DESIROUS OF MAKING A NAME FOR HIMSELF. THE SPANISH FOR THEIR PART HAVE NOMINATED AN AIR FORCE GENERAL WHO ONLY RECEIVED HIS SECOND STAR IN LATE MAY. THIS, AND PERHAPS SOME NATO EXPERIENCE, WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN HELPING TO GIVE TO THE NEW COMBINED STAFF THE KIND OF PROFILE WE SEEK.

6. FOR THESE VARIOUS REASONS, I WOULD PREFER THAT SOME FURTHER SEARCH BE MADE FOR A CANDIDATE RATHER THAN SIMPLY TO ACCEDE TO THE FIRST SUGGESTION FORTHCOMING FROM DOD. I REPEAT THAT I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST BALDWIN HIMSELF, WHO I DO NOT KNOW AND ABOUT WHOM I HAVE GOOD REPORTS.

7. THE TIME FACTOR WILL SOON BECOME PRESSING AND THEREFORE I WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO PUSH MATTERS ALONG.
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